

**NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

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**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

Welcome and Announcements

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Prelude Praeludium in G-Moll- Bach

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and earth!

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

**Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

\*Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth 2

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” This should be easy, but we have made loving one another hard. We have too often let race, creed, gender identity, age, or nationality get in the way of our love for one another and therefore of you. Forgive us our debts, but may we first learn to forgive our debtors.**

Assurance of Pardon (from Romans 8)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Call to New Life (from the tale of the 3 Jews: Daniel 3:16-18)

*“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from thee furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”*

Anthem

O Lord, from the Depths I Cry

Hopson

## THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

O God, may your Spirit be our teacher, your Word be our guide, and the Glory of Christ be our highest concern. Amen!

First Reading: Acts 3:1-9,4:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Jesus keeps showing up”

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

\*Hymn            He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought    338

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

    Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Communion Prayer

    The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

    Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is...With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Words of Institution

Communion

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Give no person evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; honor all people.

May the blessings of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you now and always.

Postlude            Basse et Dessus de Trompette -Clerambault

\*Please remain seated

## Announcements

- Our guest pianist today is Dan Hoke. Welcome Dan!
- **All Sunday School Parents--Please pick up your students at the playground!**
- The stream team is looking for a few more people to help bring God 's word and His peace from our sanctuary to those who cannot physically be here. No experience required. Please contact Leo Lichtig or Suzi O'Brien for more information.
- The Mission of the Month Collection for May will benefit Camp Fowler a Christian Camp and Retreat Center that is a non-profit children's camp grounded in openness, hospitality, and compassionate Christianity. Why spend a week at Camp? Maybe it's to find out that we are all connected and a line in an amazing world of wonders. Possibly it's to discover that there is more to you than you thought and that you can do things you never dreamed. Camp Fowler welcomes all children regardless of race, creed, color, or sexual orientation. Your contribution will provide children with a life changing summer experience. Thank you!
- Today, we celebrate the baptism of Camden Rockefeller, son of new members Melyssa & Jeffrey Rockefeller. Due to COVID, the baptism is scheduled to take place at 12:30 pm, outside in the courtyard. All our welcome to join, practicing social distancing guidelines. May the Lord bless and guide him in his faith. May he know the love and support of our church community.